

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:
a scanner unit for reading an original image;
an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user, wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said original image; and
a printer unit for printing said original image that has been read on a medium, wherein, ~~when the reading operations are to be performed N times based on the instructions and N pieces of the images that have been read are to be printed on a single piece of said medium in respective predetermined positions, said printer unit starts printing, on said medium, the image that has been read before said scanner unit finishes the N times of the reading operations, when printing at least a first original image and a second original image on a single medium, by laying out said first original image on a first print region of the single medium and said second original image on a second print region of said single medium, said printer unit starts printing, on said single medium, said first original image after the reading operation of said first original image regardless of whether the reading operation of said second original image has finished.~~

2 - 3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said printer unit performs printing by repeating scan movement of a head with respect to said medium and carrying of said medium in a direction orthogonal to a direction of said scan movement; and

~~if printing has started before the N times of the reading operations have finished and a print region, on said medium, in a first said image that has been read and a print region, on said medium, in a second said image that has not yet been read are both within a print region corresponding to a single said scan movement, then said single scan movement is put on hold.~~
when printing of said first original image has started before the reading operation of said second original image has finished and a third print region on the single medium corresponding to a scan movement which is to be performed thereafter includes a part of said first print region and a part of said second print region, then the scan movement is put on hold.

5. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:

~~when said second image is read while said single scan movement is being put on hold, said single scan movement put on hold is executed for printing said first image and said second image.~~
when said second original image has been read after said scan movement has been put on hold, said scan movement that had been put on hold is executed, and printing of said third print region of said first original image and said second original image is performed.

6. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein:

if the printing apparatus receives an instruction to cancel the reading operation of said second image while said single scan movement is being put on hold, then said single scan movement put on hold is executed for printing said first image, when the printing apparatus receives an instruction to cancel the reading operation of said second original image after said scan movement has been put on hold, said scan movement that had been put on hold is executed, and printing of said third print region of said first original image is performed.

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said printing apparatus allows ~~the a~~ number of said images that are to be printed on ~~a said~~ single piece of said medium to be changed; and

printing is started after a predetermined number of times of said reading operations have been executed, said predetermined number of times being set according to the number of images to be printed on said single piece of medium.

9. (currently amended): A printing apparatus ~~according to claim 1, wherein~~ comprising:
a scanner unit for reading an original image;

an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user, wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said original image; and

a printer unit for printing said original image that has been read on a medium,

wherein, when printing at least a first original image, a second original image, and a third original image on a single medium by laying out said first original image on a first print region of said single medium, the second original image on a second print region of said single medium, and the third original image on a third print region of said single medium, and when in a fourth print region of said single medium corresponding to a first scan movement, a part of said first print region and a part of said second print region are both included and a part of said third print region is not included, then said printer unit starts printing, on said medium, said first original image and said second original image after said reading operations of said first original image and said second original image regardless of whether the reading operation of said third original image has finished, said printer unit performs printing by repeating scan movement of a head with respect to said medium and carrying of said medium in a direction orthogonal to a direction of said scan movement; and

if a print region, on said medium, in a first said image that is read in a first time among said N times and a print region, on said medium, in a second said image that is to be read in a second or subsequent time, are both within a print region corresponding to at least a first said scan movement, then printing is started after said reading operation of said second image.

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:

a scanner unit for reading an original image;

an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user, wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said original image, and wherein each said instruction corresponds to one of a plurality of print modes; and

a printer unit for printing said original image that has been read on a medium, wherein, when the reading operations are to be performed N-times based on the instructions and N pieces of the images that have been read are to be printed on a single piece of said medium in respective predetermined positions, said printer unit prints, on said single piece of medium, N pieces of the images according to respective corresponding said print modes, when printing at least a first image of a first original and a second image of a second original on a single medium, by laying out said first image on a first print region of a single medium, and laying out said second image on a second print region of said single medium, said printer unit prints the first image in a print mode according to a first reading instruction of said first image, and prints the second image in a print mode according to a second reading instruction of said second image.

12. (previously presented): A printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

said plurality of print modes include a monochrome print mode and a color print mode.

13. (previously presented): A printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

said plurality of print modes include a low-resolution print mode and a high-resolution print mode.

14. (previously presented): A printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

said instruction unit has instruction buttons corresponding respectively to said plurality of print modes.

15 - 25. (canceled).